



Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council

**Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March - 7pm till 9pm
at Finn's Place, 167 Ledard Road, G42 9QU**

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Members Present: Richard Dye (RD), Guy Dorey (GD), Russell Ecob (RE), Diane Osprey (DO), Richard Mason (RM), Andrew Hoolachan (AH)

Members' apologies: Claire Conagahan, Josh Henderson, Yann Sweeney

Others Present: Cllr Susan Aitken (Cllr Aitken), Police Representative

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 February 2026 had been circulated.
DO proposed, RD seconded.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere)

RM gave an update on the cutback of bushes on the Whitecart Walkway. GCC explained that bushes had been cut back due to initially being planted too close together and it was required to encourage healthy growth. They also cleaned the walkway.

4. Community Police Report

Youth disorder. Smashing bottles. Young males are known to the police. Sinclair Drive – male kicking close doors. Vandalism close doors on Minard Road. Edgemont St Tantallon Road – male looking into vehicles – police spoke to him as he was looking suspicious. Notes that with lighter nights coming in

Alcohol related theft remains an issue and chocolate less so. Retail crime team looking into these issues. Persistent across the city.

GD raises issues of a possible increase of crime. Could be increase in reporting. Police notes that this is a low-level crime area.

Lochleven Road – young men chasing below with bottles of alcohol (Buckfast). Police took forward.

DO asked that the matter of sexual assault in Queen's Park to be looked into as a priority. The officer confirmed that an investigation is ongoing and patrols have increased. No formal safety advisory had been issued at the time; officer to follow up on communications.

5. GCC Councillor's Report & Questions

Cllr Susan Aitken provided updates.

Neighbourhood coordinator for Langside

Cllr Aitken noted that the local Neighbourhood Coordinator for Langside, Christine Martin, had recently been off sick but is now back to work on a phased basis.

Neighbourhood cleaning team

A team is now in place and working to coordinate – at disposal of the community. SA wants community to be aware that things can be reported to the team about issues such as fly-tipping, leaf piles, etc. Best way to raise issues is through local councillors. If it's not known about, things cannot be addressed at the time.

QP Glasshouse

Cllr Aitken confirmed temporary closure. Plan to re-open with a partner but the building is in poor condition with safety concerns and needs significant capital investment. Hope was for SRUC to partner – they are not able to take this forward. GCC is working to find partner and capital investment.

Cllr Aitken noted that many glasshouses in the city are in a bad state with the People's Palace being in a similar state to QP. Two that are a priority – Springburn and QP. Officers working on strategy to maintain these structures into the future.

RM raises appetite for participation request for QP Glasshouse. Cllr Aitken encourages this approach. Whitehill Baths in Denniston as an example – local group working closely with council officers and councillors. Campaign group has been working hard to make it a sustainable future. Cllr Aitken notes that asset transfer would be very difficult and challenging.

Cllr Aitken says she will ask NRS to send someone to CC to discuss at a high level the future of the Glasshouse and anything they can.

SRUC are no longer part of the process to run the facility. RD raises that the courses there have been very well run.

Glasgow City Council Budget

Cllr Aitken said GCC are not able to make large investments due to the need to balance the budget. Large chunk into health and social care partnership - £5.5 million.

- Neighbourhood clean teams – 6 more who will be roving but have a basis. Increased gully cleaning to be at least annual in all areas. In areas that have regular flooding they can have serious issues with dirty gullies. Intention is that the whole city will get much more regular flooding. Issues raised of the execution of gully cleaning. Little notice and it means that people don't move cars and the gullies do not get cleaned. Cllr Aitken agrees that giving notice the night before is not good enough. Partial cleans can go ahead if this is the case. More machines have been bought and there is a hope that will allow GCC to be more flexible with greater capacity and resource to deal with this issue. Gully repair fund also created.
- Free school meals extended to P7. Among first councils in Scotland to cover whole of primary schools.
- Support for tenement retrofitting to increase the energy efficiency from E/E+ toward C where feasible. More energy retrofitting - £1 million fund for pre-1919 tenement insulation upgrades. Cllr Aitken accepts this is not enough but intended to act as a lever to bring in more funding. The issue is primarily with the energy efficiency rating of the pre-1919 buildings. Fund intended as a lever for additional external funding. Cllr Aitken acknowledges scale exceeds this allocation.

6. Parking Control Zones update

Initial phase of consultation was always intended to inform officials of issues in the local area. Cllr Aitken appreciates there was a large response. Highlights that there was a more balanced response than what was publicly being discussed. Implores that the next phase will be quite different, likely to begin late summer/early autumn. Public will then have the ability to respond to the new consultation. This next phase is legally required. It will be advertised in the media and through community councils. SA not sure if every household will get a letter regarding the next phase.

GD raises that CC has not adopted a stance on the PCZ for/against but that the process felt flawed and rushed in a way. At odds with the process. Cllr Aitken noted that the plans put out in the initial consultation were potentially a worst-case scenario and noted the benefits could be an increase in green space, infrastructure to reduce flooding and Cllr Aitken emphasises that this should be recognised that roads are shared space.

RD raises that people do accept there is a car issue in the area but GCC has lost trust with the community due to the process that was followed for the first phase. Raises that the national engagement standards have not properly been followed.

RD notes the area is special because of its small businesses that are not hugely profitable. Silverburn offers free parking and has the ability to undercut local businesses and the charges suggested for businesses could remove these important small businesses.

RD raises that a petition, signed by more than 7000 people, indicates that what was done initially was not appropriate and a new phase should be more thoughtful. Raises that business engagement should have been done and an economic analysis of the impact should be done and shared with CC and the public to generate trust.

AH – asks about PCZ in regards to the city's plan for public transport. Raises the communication in these terms would be helpful. SA responds that it's a good point and definitely within the thoughts. Insists that this is not about a behavioural change or environmental measure – it could have benefits in this area, but is not the main focus, like the LEZ has been.

Resident raises that this feels like a punishment for living in the local area. The focus should be on other public realm issues such as pavements, roads, and cleanliness.

7. Local Issues – raised or reported by members of the public

Residents raised concerns regarding road conditions, pavements, drainage and overall cleanliness of the area.

Point raised about private lanes. Tenement lanes have always been private and responsibility of residents. SA raises points about private lanes fund that can do initial work and pay for relatively small things such as some resurfacing and getting gates installed.

A representative from Thrive expressed interest in supporting the development of a community garden.

8. Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF)

Approximately £214,000 is available with a deadline of 31 March. Some proposals were noted as being outdated or overlapping with other initiatives.

There was general consensus that projects with broad community benefit should be prioritised, particularly road crossings to improve pedestrian safety. In contrast, aesthetic improvements, such as upgrades to the Langside Monument, were considered lower priority.

There was also discussion about whether certain proposals, such as footway improvements and cycle lanes, fall within the council's core responsibilities and should therefore not be funded through this allocation.

It was agreed that an additional meeting should be arranged to review and refine the list of projects, remove outdated proposals, and seek further costings where required.

9. Planning report

No significant new planning determinations to report.

Sanctuary's 55+ residential development on the vacant plot opposite the park noted in the pipeline.

Ongoing process improvements for LBCCC: maintain a simple tracker (e.g., spreadsheet) derived from the council portal and bi-monthly lists.

10. Licensing report

Armstrong's lighting installation application noted; no concerns raised.

11. Community Engagement in LBCCC

RM raised that there would be a resident-led litter pick planned for Saturday, 14 March. Encouraged others to come along if they had time. It was later revealed that several other lanes were also doing litter picks.

RM raises point about community noticeboard being considered in collaboration with Shawlands and Strathbungo CC on land outside Langside Hall. LBCCC is broadly in favour of the plan, dependent on prices but want to push forward in partnership with SSCC. It could potentially be funded through community grants. RM will update when SSCC provides a proposal.

12. Correspondence

Nothing significant to report that was not covered elsewhere.

13. Social media / Web development

GD raises that the website platform and email system needs to be updated. RM and AH have raised previously that Google suite would be preferable for use. GD raises that this would mean a cost of £5.99/month per user. Agreed that this would be unaffordable if we need to get more

Google Groups could be the solution as it has the ability to have different threads for separate issues so that discussions can be kept siloed.

14. Treasurer's report

RD reported that the balances of the Community Council accounts were:

Main account: £2,197

Secondary (parking-related): £341

15. AOB

None.